



Wolf Depredation Control Activity Report January 1, 2021 – May 4, 2021

The information below summarizes actions and expenditures for wolf removal to assist in achieving elk management objectives in Idaho during the period January 1, 2021 – May 4, 2021 conducted under a cooperative service agreement between the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Idaho Wolf Depredation Control Board (WDCB).

To facilitate efficient and effective wolf removals, we contracted for the aerial removal of wolves in the Lolo Elk Zone. Twenty-two wolves were lethally removed on public lands in Game Management Unit 10. Control efforts involved 6 days/47 hours (including ferry time) of contracted helicopter work to remove wolves and 27 days/82.7 hours (including 11 days/18.7 hours ferry time) of contracted fixed-wing work to spot wolves.

In February 2021, the WDCB approved an amendment to the IDFG FY21 Work/Financial Cooperative Agreement to include the IDFG Commission’s amended direction to use funds (that IDFG anticipated would otherwise be unspent in FY21) to increase the funding amount for the Foundation For Wildlife Management (FFWM) FY21 Commission Challenge Grant. The grant helps fund a program to reimburse expenses hunters and trappers incur during the harvest of wolves in GMUs where increased wolf harvest will promote elk management objectives, as well as GMUs where landowner/wolf conflicts are occurring. The FFWM will provide IDFG with a report on the wolves harvested under their grant-funded reimbursement program by July 31, 2021.

Expenditures to date associated with the implementation of our planned FY21 wolf removal activities are presented in Table 1. Expenditures are for the purchase of helicopter fuel and a fuel filter for the fuel trailer, helicopter and fixed-wing contracts for wolf removal, and grant funding for FFWM.

Table 1. IDFG Expenditures for wolf depredation control activities to-date during FY21.

Professional Services (helicopter)	\$42,885.12
Professional Services (fixed-wing)	\$23,235.75
Other Services (FFWM grant)	\$30,000
Supplies and Materials	\$ 1,415.28
Total	\$97,536.15

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